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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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<p>2. FURTHER ACTION</p> <p>If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1b/s(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.</p> <p>If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.</p> <p>For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.</p> <p>3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.</p>	

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Box No. I	Basis of this opinion	
<p>1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).</p> <p>2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:</p> <p>a. type of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> table(s) related to the sequence listing</p> <p>b. format of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in written format</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in computer readable form</p> <p>c. time of filing/furnishing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> contained in the international application as filed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> filed together with the international application in computer readable form.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.</p> <p>4. Additional comments:</p>		

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement	
1. Statement		
Novelty (N)	Claims 1 - 6	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____	YES
	Claims 1 - 6	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1 - 6	YES
	Claims _____	NO
2. Citations and explanations:		
Document 1: JP, 2002-315066, A (Toshiba Corp.), 25 October, 2002 (25.10.02)		
Document 2: JP, 10-290247, A (Canon Ltd.), 27 October, 1998 (27.10.98)		
Document 3: JP, 2001-312699, A (Denso Corp.), 9 November, 2001 (09.11.01)		
<p>The subject matters of claims 1-2 and 5-6 do not appear to have an inventive step in view of documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR. Document 2 describes a technology wherein protocol information with which a target device can cope is acquired by an initial protocol, and communications are conducted with the target device by a communication protocol selected from the protocol information. A person skilled in the art could have easily applied this technology to the radio communication device described in document 1.</p> <p>The subject matters of claims 3-4 do not appear to have an inventive step on account of the disclosures of documents 1, 2 and 3 cited in the ISR. A nearby radio communication protocol is merely a radio communication protocol well-known to a person skilled in the art as shown in document 3.</p>		